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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS/CHINA: PROPOSED JOINT DEMARCHE ON  
PRISONERS

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Classified By: Poloff Ted Burkhalter; reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) On February 24, Poloff delivered reftel demarche regarding a proposed joint demarche on certain Chinese prisoners cases to Sandra Pellegrrom in the Dutch MFA's Human Rights and Peacebuilding Department. According to Pellegrrom, the GONL is not opposed, in principle, to such joint efforts.

At the moment, however, the Dutch prefer to concentrate on a limited list of the most urgent cases and to work through the EU when possible. Pellegrrom said she expected most of the cases referred to in reftel would be raised in the semi-annual EU-Chinese consultations on human rights.

¶2. (C) Pellegrrom was also under the impression that EU member states in Beijing may have already approached the Chinese on several cases recently. She promised to contact the GONL embassy in Beijing and ask them to touch base with our human rights officer there regarding any such discussions.

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